THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Changes in the Police Act

†2556. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no basic changes have been made in the Police Act since 1861;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to review the modus operandi of Police;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether any consideration would be given to such proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The National Police Commission in its 8th Report recommended replacement of Police Act, 1861. Police is a State subject as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution and it is primarily for the State Governments to have their own Police Acts enacted. Some of the State Governments have made their own Police Acts.

(c) to (e) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri K. Padmanabhiah has been constituted by the Govt. to suggest structural changes in the Police to meet the challenges India would face in the new millennium. The Committee is yet to submit its report to the Government.

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